

Copy 44

1 Page

TOP SECRET

NPIC/R-257/63

October 1963

25X1

000324

PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION BRIEF

# ACTIVITY AT LIGHTER-THAN-AIR FACILITY, VOLSK AIRFIELD, USSR

DECLASS REVIEW by NIMA/DOD



CIA

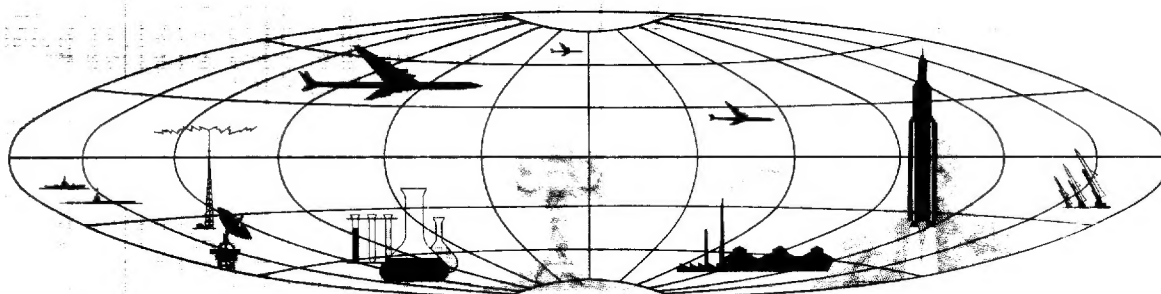


DIA

25X1



NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION CENTER



TOP SECRET

25X1

TOP SECRET

25X1

| NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION CENTER                                   |  | PHOTO INTERPRETATION BRIEF |   |
|---|--|----------------------------|---|
| Title:<br>Activity at Lighter-than-air Facility,<br>Volsk Airfield, USSR      | Geo Coords: 52-02N 42-20E<br>NPIC Target No:<br>0166-33E | COMOR No:<br>None          | Publication No:<br>NPIC/R-257/63<br>Date:<br>October 1963 |
| Photo Data: [REDACTED]  |  |                            |   |
| References: USATM, Series 50, Sheet 0166-25/15MA (C)<br>NPIC Project J-343/63 |  |                            |   |

25X1D

25X1A

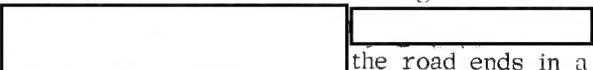
25X1

25X1D  
25X1D



launch area in which two new structures are visible; the structures may be either mooring masts or balloon launch platforms.

A large L-shaped building located NNE of the balloon may be used for balloon maintenance. A road leads WSW from this building in the direc-



the road ends in a secluded clearing in a heavily wooded ravine (not shown). The clearing may be an additional launch area. The surrounding trees would prevent air turbulence around the vehicle to be launched.

As seen on photography from [REDACTED] the facility at Volsk Airfield contains one cigar-shaped balloon (approximately 90 x 30 ft) within a large high-wall balloon retainer and an unidentified spherical or circular object in a cleared area east of the high wall retainer (Figure 1). East of the unidentified object is a second, small, empty high-wall balloon retainer. Northwest of the retainers is a probable vehicle

#### ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

1. [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED]
3. CIA. PIC/JR-10/60, May 60 (TSC)

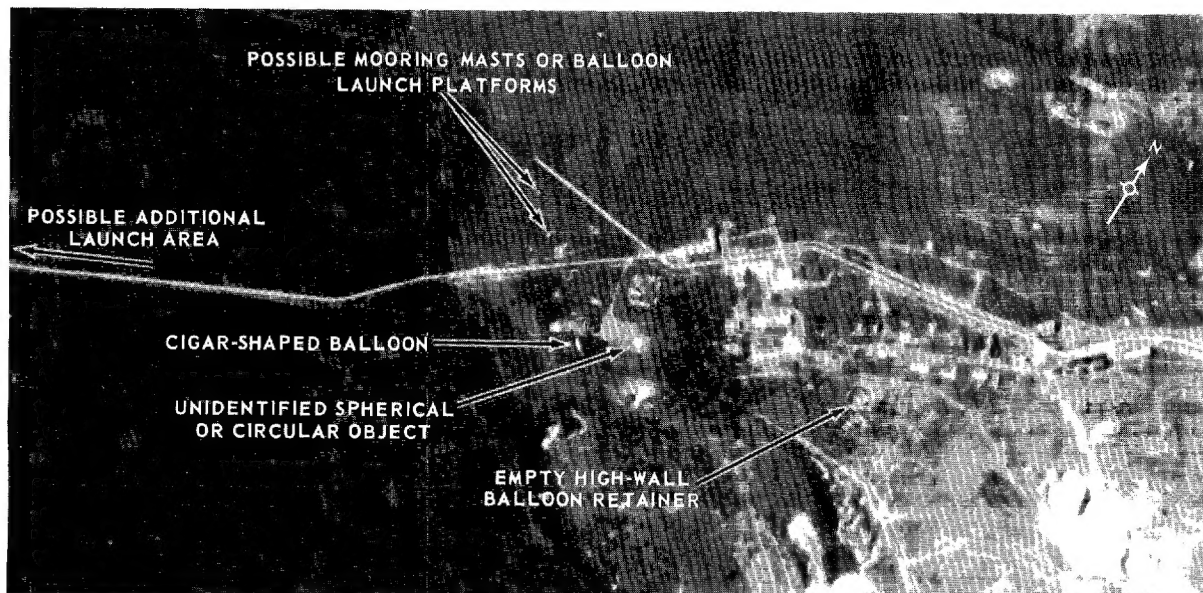


FIGURE 1. LIGHTER-THAN-AIR FACILITY, VOLSK AIRFIELD, USSR [REDACTED]

25X1

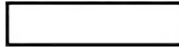
25X1D

TOP SECRET

25X1

Approved For Release 2004/05/12 : CIA-RDP78B04560A000900010029-8

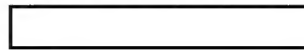
~~TOP SECRET~~



25X1

Approved For Release 2004/05/12 : CIA-RDP78B04560A000900010029-8

~~TOP SECRET~~



25X1